UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE: THE ASSIGNMENT OF   )
CIVIL CASES   )

GENERAL ORDER

This general order is being entered pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137 and Local Rule 40.1(a), providing for distribution of the court's business and caseload among the Judges in such manner as may be prescribed by order of the court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the following orders pertaining to distribution of business and caseload are **VACATED**:

(1) Order of May 14, 1962, pertaining to division of business among District Judges;
(2) Order of July 1, 1981, pertaining to cases filed in Lafayette;
(3) Order of March 31, 1988, pertaining to assignment of cases in the Hammond Division;
(4) Order of February 2, 1998, pertaining to assignment of cases in the Hammond Division and assignment of business and reference of cases to Magistrate Judges.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED THAT at the time a civil case is filed it shall be assigned to a United States District Judge then resident in the Division in which the case is filed. In any Division in which more than one active District Judge is resident, the Clerk of the Court shall assign civil cases to the Judges as they may from time to time direct. In any Division in which one or more senior District Judges are resident, the Clerk shall assign civil cases to the senior District Judge(s) in such number and manner as instructed from time to time by the

senior District Judge(s). Until such time, if any, that any active District Judge is resident in Lafayette, all civil cases filed in Lafayette shall be assigned to Judge Sharp, upon his express consent.

SO ORDERED this **30th** day of **June**, 2003.

/s/ Robert L. Miller, Jr.
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Robert L. Miller, Jr., Chief Judge

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Allen Sharp, Judge

/s/ William C. Lee
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William C. Lee, Judge

/s/ James T. Moody
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James T. Moody, Judge

/s/ Rudy Lozano
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Rudy Lozano, Judge

/s/ Philip P. Simon
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Philip P. Simon, Judge

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann
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Theresa L. Springmann, Judge